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Theme for the Month: “My Month of Solid Ground”

Introduction: As you are all aware, the first Sunday of the month for us in the Redeemed Christian Church is the Thanksgiving Sunday. Hence, in CLA, we use the opportunity of the first preachment for the month to set the tone for the month. That is exactly what I am attempting to do this morning and I pray that the Holy Spirit would help me to set out what the Lord intends to achieve this month in our life in the name of Jesus.

As we move to the next level this month, the Lord enjoins us to stand upon His unfailing word. If you have never trusted the word of the Lord before now, this is the month you have to believe the Lord to be established on that next level. **In 2 Chronicle 20: 20** we are enjoined to believe the Lord and be established. Also in **Mt. 7: 24-27** the Bible underscores the importance of the word of the Lord and how crucial it is to hear the word and do the word. It is likened to a foundation in **1 Cor. 3: 11-15**. It is upon the solid ground that is built that we can build upon if we want to have fruits that abide and if we want to be established on the next level. Every other foundation has the potential to fail us.

James the brother of Jesus identified what it means to do the word of the Lord in **James 1: 22-25**. He concludes that the man who does the word of the Lord is the one that can be blessed, in his deed.

Let us see how a man treated or positively connected with the word of the Lord in this passage: **Luke 5: 1-11**. The word made an indelible impact in the life of Peter and those who witnessed this miracle. Hence, later on in the ministry of Jesus when many decided to forsake Him, He asked Peter and others whether they wanted to also go away too; but Peter having witnessed the power of the Lord through His word confirmed that there was no where for Him to go because the Lord was the only one that has the word of eternal life – **John 6: 66 – 69**. Earlier, Jesus had confirmed to them that the word He speaks to them is the source of life. (**John 6: 63**). When we are stabilized upon the word of the Lord, nothing can move us. We would be like the house that is bought upon the solid rock or solid foundation. We shall no longer be tossed to and from by every wind of doctrine (**Eph. 4:14**).

The conclusion we can make is that the way you treat the word of the Lord will determine how far you are able to go into the next level. A whole hearted obedience to the word of God will make us blessed and fruitful indeed.

Points to note:

1. We need to study the word and ask the Lord to help us understand the word and what exactly the Lord has in stock for us by relying on the Holy Spirit. **2 Tim. 2:15; John 5: 39.**
2. We need to meditate on the word of the Lord - **Josh. 1:8.**
3. Do what the Lord commands **John 2: 1-5.** It may sound unreasonable, unprofessional or inconvenient. Just do it. Remember the case of Naaman in **2 Kings 5: 1-14.**
4. Do the word of the Lord will promote you this month and establish you this year and for ever in the name of Jesus.
5. Pray the word into effect in our life and claiming the promises of God.

Remember: “Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever”. Amen. (Heb. 13: 20-21).